29th November 1955]

Gruel centre at Pappinisseri

* 2940 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the gruel centre started by the Government for the ex-Aaron Mill workers at Pappinisseri has been stopped with effect from this month and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes. The gruel centre was closed with effect from 1st September 1955 since the workers did not actually consume the gruel served at the centre and as the majority of them was likely to be absorbed by the Mill.

Sea Passengers Amenities Board

* 2941 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a State Committee had been formed by Government to advise the India Government and Customs' Authorities on amenities to sea passengers from Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when and the personnel of the Committee?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

* 2942 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government recommended to the Central Government any names for appointment to the Madras State Sea Passengers' Amenities Board for the calendar years 1953, 1954 and 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the names recommended?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) Yes, Sir, if the Member is having in view the Deck Passenger Welfare Committee, Madras, constituted by the Government of India in May 1954 for a period of two years.

(*b*) (i) *Ex-officio*. The State Port Officer, Madras, was recommended and accepted by the Government of India.

(ii) The following panel of eight names for the nomination of three non-officials was recommended to the Government of India:—

(1) Srimathi S. Manjubhashini, M.L.C.

(2) ,, Sarojini Varadappan.

(Accepted by the Government of India.)

(3) Sri A. M. Allapichai, M.L.C.

(4) ,, K. Ramadas.